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EDWARD SOLOMON and NORMA SOLOMON, Husband and Wife

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DELAWARE COUNTY

V.

NO. 02-60130

PNEUMO ABEX CORPORATION, as successor in interest to Abex Corp., ET AL.

# PRAECIPE TO FILE NOTICE OF REMOVAL

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly file the attached Notice of Removal in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

LAVIN, COLEMAN, O'NEIL, RICCI, FINARELLI & GRAY

Edward T. Finch, Esquire Attorney for Defendants, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation



## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

EDWARD SOLOMON and NORMA SOLOMON, Husband and Wife

CASENO. OF CV 7970

V.

DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION FORD MOTOR COMPANY GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION FEDERAL-MOGUL GLOBAL, INC.

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendants DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation (the "automobile manufacturers") hereby give notice of the removal to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania of the claims which have been asserted against them in the action captioned Edward Solomon and Norma Solomon, Husband and Wife v. Pneumo Abex Corporation, as successor in interest to Abex Corp., et al. now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, at No. 02-60130. This Notice of Removal is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a), and as grounds for removal the automobile manufacturers state the following:

- 1. The action of which the removed claims are a part was commenced in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.
- 2. The removed claims are those for personal injury or wrongful death asserted against the automobile manufacturers on the basis of alleged exposure to certain of their asbestos-containing products, including brakes and other automotive parts, manufactured for the automobile

manufacturers by Federal-Mogul Global, Inc., or companies that it purchased, one or more of which is a co-defendant of the automobile manufacturers.

- 3. On October 1, 2001 Federal-Mogul Global, Inc. filed a voluntary petition for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, commencing bankruptcy case number 01-10578 (the "Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case") currently pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- 4. The removed claims may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a): (i) the removed claims are asserted in a civil action not exempt from removal; and (ii) the Court has jurisdiction of the removed claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. All claims asserted against the Removing Defendants are related to the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case, and the continued prosecution, outcome at trial or other resolution of the claims will have an effect on the administration of the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case.
- 5. Removal to this Court is timely pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(3) in that the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case was pending when the removed claims were asserted on or after October 1, 2001 and in that this notice has been filed within 30 days of receipt by one or all of the automobile manufacturers of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the removed claims.
- 6. Upon removal, the proceedings with respect to the removed claims are non-core. The automobile manufacturers do not consent to entry of a final order or judgment by the bankruptcy judge to the extent the bankruptcy court is authorized to hear or determine such claims consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5).

- The purpose of removal is to facilitate transfer of the removed claims to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the district court presiding over the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case, to resolve on a consolidated basis the common threshold scientific issues concerning whether brakes and other automotive parts cause disease. See, e.g., In re Dow Corning Corp., 1995 W.L. 495978, at \*2 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. Aug. 9, 1995) (personal injury tort claims transferred to bankruptcy court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5) to resolve threshold scientific issues concerning whether silicone breast implants caused disease after removal to federal court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a)).
- 8. On November 20, 2001, the automobile manufacturers filed in the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5) to transfer this and all other claims related to brakes and automotive parts for consolidated resolution of the threshold scientific issues concerning whether brakes and other automotive parts cause disease.
- 9. On December 10, 2001 the Honorable Alfred M. Wolin issued the attached Order provisionally transferring pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5) the claims asserted against the automobile manufacturers to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.
- 10. On January 3, 2002, Judge Wolin issued a letter opinion and order reiterating that all asbestos friction claims against the automobile manufacturers pending in federal courts as of December 10 had been transferred, and ordering any claims removed after December 10 transferred as well. A copy of the Order and Opinion are attached to this Notice.
- 11. On February 8, 2002, the Honorable Alfred M. Wolin denied the "Motions to Transfer the 'Friction Claims'" and simultaneously remanded the friction products claims. Attached hereto is a copy of said Order.

- 12. However, on February 11, 2002, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit granted a Temporary Stay of Judge Wolin's February 8, 2002 Court Order so that the matter could be considered by a three-judge panel of that court. Attached hereto is a copy of said Order.
- 13. The Removing Defendants file this Notice of Removal to adequately protect the interests of Removing Defendants and to facilitate transfer of these claims to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware pursuant to Judge Wolin's provisional transfer order.
- 14. The automobile manufacturers will comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) by promptly giving notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal to all adverse parties to the action pending in the state court and filing a copy of this Notice of Removal with the prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.

Respectfully submitted,

LAVIN, COLEMAN, O'NEIL, RICCI,

FINARELLL&-GRAY

Edward T. Pinch, Esquire

Attorney for Defendants,

DaimlerChrysler Corporation,

Ford Motor Company and

General Motors Corporation

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Edward T. Finch, Esquire, hereby certify that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) written notice of the removal of this action will be promptly given to all adverse parties and a copy of the Notice of Removal will be filed with the Court of Common Pleas.

Edward T. Pinch, Esquire

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Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2766

Ford Motor Company Parklane Towers West **Suite 1500** Three Parklane Boulevard Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### **CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM**

EDWARD	SOLOMON	and	NORMA	SOLOMON,	
Husband an	d Wife				CASE NO.

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DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION FORD MOTOR COMPANY GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION FEDERAL-MOGUL GLOBAL, INC.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See §1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

#### SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

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(d)	Asbestos - Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos.	(X)
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(f) May 17, 2002	Standard Management - Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks.	( )
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Attorney For

DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DELAWARE COUNTY, PA

**ASBESTOS CASE** 

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

NO. 07-60130

#### **COMPLAINT**

#### NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filling in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

#### **AVISO**

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la techa de la demanda y la notificación. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objectones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomará medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificación. Además, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted compla con todes las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedes u otros derechos importantes para usted. LLEVE ESTA DEMANDA A UN ABOGADO INMEDIATAMENTE. SI NO TIENE ABOGADO O SI NO TIENE EL DINERO SUFICIENTE DE PAGAR TAL SERVICO, VAYA EN PERSONA O LLAMÉ POR TELÉFONO A LA OFICINA CUYA DIRECCIÓN SE ENCUENTRA ESCRITA ABAJO PARA AVERIGUAR DONDE SE PUEDE

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Media, PA 19063
(610) 566-6625

### **DEFENDANTS' ADDRESSES**

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DURABLA MANUFACTURING COMPANY P.O. Box 700 140 Sheree Boulevard Exton, PA 19341 (CHESTER COUNTY)

EATON CORPORATION, as successor-in-interest to Cutler-Hammer, Inc. 1111 Superior Avenue, S.E. Cleveland, OH 44114

FORD MOTOR COMPANY c/o John Rintamaki 1037 The American Road Dearborn, Michigan 48121

# FOSTER WHEELER CORPORATION Penyville Corporate Park

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# GARLOCK, INC.

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PFIZER, INC. 235 East 42nd Street NewYork, NewYork 10017

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BORG WARNER CORPRORATION;

BRAND INSULATIONS, INC.;

BURNHAM BOILER CORPORATION:

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CONGOLEUM CORPORATION;

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY;

FOSTER WHEELER CORPORATION;

GARLOCK, INC.;

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION;

GENERAL REFRACTORIES COMPANY;

GEORGIA PACIFIC CORPORATION:

GTE CORPORATION:

HAJOCA PLUMBING COMPANY;

HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC., successor-in:

interest to Allied Signal, Inc.:

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Transamerica DeLaval and Imo DeLaval;

MAGNETEK, INC.;

MAREMONT CORPORATION;

PALMETTO PRODUCTS, a division of Green Tweed :

& Company;

PFIZER, INC.;

OWENS ILLINOIS, INC.;

RAPID AMERICAN CORPORATION :

RILEY STOKER CORPORATION;

ROYAL ELECTRIC COMPANY;

SAGER CORPORATION;

UNIROYAL, INC.;

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

#### **COMPLAINT**

Pursuant to an Order dated December 26,1989, signed by the Honorable Francis J. Catania, President Judge, the following Short Form Complaint is utilized in this asbestos action. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate the Master Long Form Complaint as fully as if that document was set forth at length herein including, but not limited to:

COUNT I - (Negligence and Outrageous Conduct)

COUNT II - (Strict Liability)

COUNT IV - (Conspiracy)

COUNT V - (Damages)

COUNT VI - (Loss of Consortium)

- 1. The Plaintiffs in the instant matter are:
  - a. Edward Solomon (Plaintiff-worker)1237 Edgehill RoadDarby, Pennsylvania 19023

Social Security No. 208-28-1747 Date of Birth: July 5, 1938

b. Norma Solomon (Plaintiff-wife)

- 2. The Defendants are those companies listed in the caption.
- 3. The Defendants in the instant matter are those listed in the above captioned. In addition, Plaintiff has named Defendant, RAPID AMERICAN CORPORATION, which was not named in Plaintiffs' Master General Long Form Complaint, No. 90-0001.

Defendant, RAPID AMERICAN CORPORATION, as successor in interest to Philip Carey Corporation, is a corporation whose registered agent address for process of serving is, Prentice Hall, 2711 Centerville Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808, which is doing business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAPID AMERICAN, manufactured, produced and sold, either directly and indirectly, in the geographical area in which Plaintiff worked, and/or to employers of the Plaintiff and/or to contractors on job sites on which Plaintiff worked, asbestos products, including but not limited to asbestos block, pipe covering and insulation materials.

4. The Defendants in the instant matter are those listed in the above captioned. In addition, Plaintiff has named Defendant, METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, which was not named in Plaintiffs' Master General Long Form Complaint, No. 90-0001.

Defendant, METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, is an insurance company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has its principal place of business in the State of New York and at all times material hereto was doing business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is sued for its conduct and omissions as a consultant to certain defendants.

- 5. Plaintiff's asbestos employment history including, to the extent possible at this time, the asbestos products to which Plaintiff-worker was exposed is attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- 6. Plaintiff-worker first learned of his asbestos-related disease, bilateral pleural thickening, on or about April 14, 2000 from Richard B. Levine. Plaintiff-worker first became aware of his asbestos-related disease only after the diagnosis date.
  - 7. Plaintiff-worker's history of tobacco use is as follows: Plaintiff has smoked 2 to 4 cigars per day from 1985 to the present.
- 8. A claim for lost wages of the Plaintiff is not asserted at this time, but may become viable in the future.
  - 9. The following person are dependent upon Plaintiff-worker for support:
    - a. Norma Solomon
- 10. Plaintiffs hereby certify through their undersigned counsel that they have brought no other claim in a court of law for their asbestos caused injuries.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, Edward Solomon and Norma Solomon, pray for judgment against the Defendants and each of them individually, jointly and/or severally on each of the above Counts, for compensatory damages in an amount in excess of FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) and (except on Count IV) punitive damages in a sum in excess of FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) plus cost of suit, and such other further relief as is just and proper.

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# EDWARD SOLOMON PLAINTIFF-WORKER'S ASBESTOS WORK HISTORY EXHIBIT I

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1956 1960	1957 1961	Plycel Swarthmore, PA (Paper Co.)	208-28-1747	Tended Paper Machines	See detailed description in Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint
1961	1964	Vertol Swarthmore, PA	27	Line Mechanic	14 19
1964	Present	General Chemical Claymont, DE	,	Truck Driver/ Yard Gang/ Burners/ Power House/ Store Room	,

# **AFFIDAVIT**

### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

**COUNTY OF** 

EDWARD SOLOMON, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing COMPLAINT are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS LANDAY

My Commission Expires:

REGINA CAMPBELL

NOTARY PUBLIC of NEW JERSEY My Commission Expires May 12, 2002